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REFS: A) MTN GENEVA 3855, B) MTN GENEVA 3975, C) MTN GENEVA
3646, D) MTN GENEVA 4148

1. WE REQUEST THAT DEVELOPMENT FINAL U.S. POSITION FOR
JUNE 16 TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP MEETING AWAIT RESULTS
INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEW BETWEEN DC'S ON TROPICAL
PRODUCTS TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 5, AND BILATERAL EX-
CHANGES WITH LDCS. REPORTING CABLES TO BE SENT FRIDAY,
JUNE 6. GRAEF AND SHARKEY (CURRENTLY IN GENEVA) WILL BE
IN WASHINGTON JUNE 9.

2. JUNE TROPICAL PRODUCTS MEETING IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE
IN CONTEXT LDC DISQUIETUDE OVER LACK OF PROGRESS IN
GENEVA (REF A) CHARACTERIZED BY THEM AS LACK OF IDENTIFI-
CATION OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT BEYOND
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THE "WHERE THIS IS FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE," FORMULATION

IN TOKYO DECLARATION (REF B AND C), AND ALSO IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE PRECEDENT-SETTING NATURE JUNE TROPICAL PRODUCTS MEETING, AND CURRENT UNPREPAREDNESS OF DCS (REF D).

3. IN OUR VIEW, KEY TO SUCCESSFUL MEETING WILL BE TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES WHICH WILL PERMIT CONSOLIDATION OF A TROPICAL PRODUCTS PACKAGE IN TARIFF AND NTM GROUPS. LDC'S RECOGNIZE NECESSITY OF COMPLETION OF U.S. DOMESTIC PROCEDURES BEFORE RESPONSES TO REQUESTS CAN BE MADE, THUS DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES BY TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP WILL TAKE THIS FACTOR INTO ACCOUNT. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY GENEVA VIEWS ON KEY AGENDA ITEMS.

4. HOW SPECIAL AND PRIORITY TREATMENT MAY BE ASSURED-- MOST REALISTIC GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE APPROACH TO SPECIAL AND PRIORITY TREATMENT WOULD BE CONSOLIDATION OF EARLY TP PACKAGE. LDC PROPOSALS FOR TARIFF NEGOTIATING PLAN ARE LARGELY UNACCEPTABLE AND ARE OUTSIDE THE COMPETENCE OF THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE RESPONDED TO IN THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP. SIMILARLY, LDC PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT MADE IN NTM AND SAFEGUARD GROUPS ARE GENERAL IN NATURE AND FOR MOST PART UNRELATED TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS. LACK OF ANY DC IDENTIFICATION OR MOVEMENT TOWARD SPECIAL AND PRIORITY TREATMENT WOULD COMPOUND DEPTH OF LDC CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REFS A-C. FURTHER ANY PERCEPTION THAT US PULLING BACK FROM ITS MARCH STATEMENT WOULD HAVE SAME REACTIONS.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE CIRCULATION OF OFFERS--GIVEN REFERENCE IN MARCH MEETING TO MULTILATERAL REVIEW AND/OR CIRCULATION OF OFFERS, U.S. SHOULD DEVELOP SPECIFIC IDEAS ON GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZATION OF NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS REGARD, GATT SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE ON JUNE 6 HISTORICAL REVIEW OF PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING SOME REFERENCE TO PAST INTRA-LDC NEGOTIATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, GATT SECRETARIAT INTENDS CIRCULATED OFFICIAL USE

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LATE TO A "FEW" DELEGATIONS THOUGHTS ON HOW TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD PROCEED. IT THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT U.S. HAVE A POSITION ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL PARAMETERS AND TIMING FOR NEGOTIATIONS MEETING OBJECTIVE OF EARLY BALANCED TROPICAL PRODUCTS PACKAGE. WITH REGARD INTRA-LDC NEGOTIATIONS, OUR POSITION ON PARA (I) MTN/TP/1 SHOULD BE CLARIFIED.

6. CONSIDERABLE INTEREST HAS BEEN EXPRESSED RE SEC.
KISSINGER'S KANSAS CITY AND SUBSEQUENT SPEECHES. U.S.
SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE PREPARED TO FURTHER CLARIFY ITS
POSITION RE PARA (IX) OF MTN/TP/1. MCNAMARA

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